



Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Recreation Study

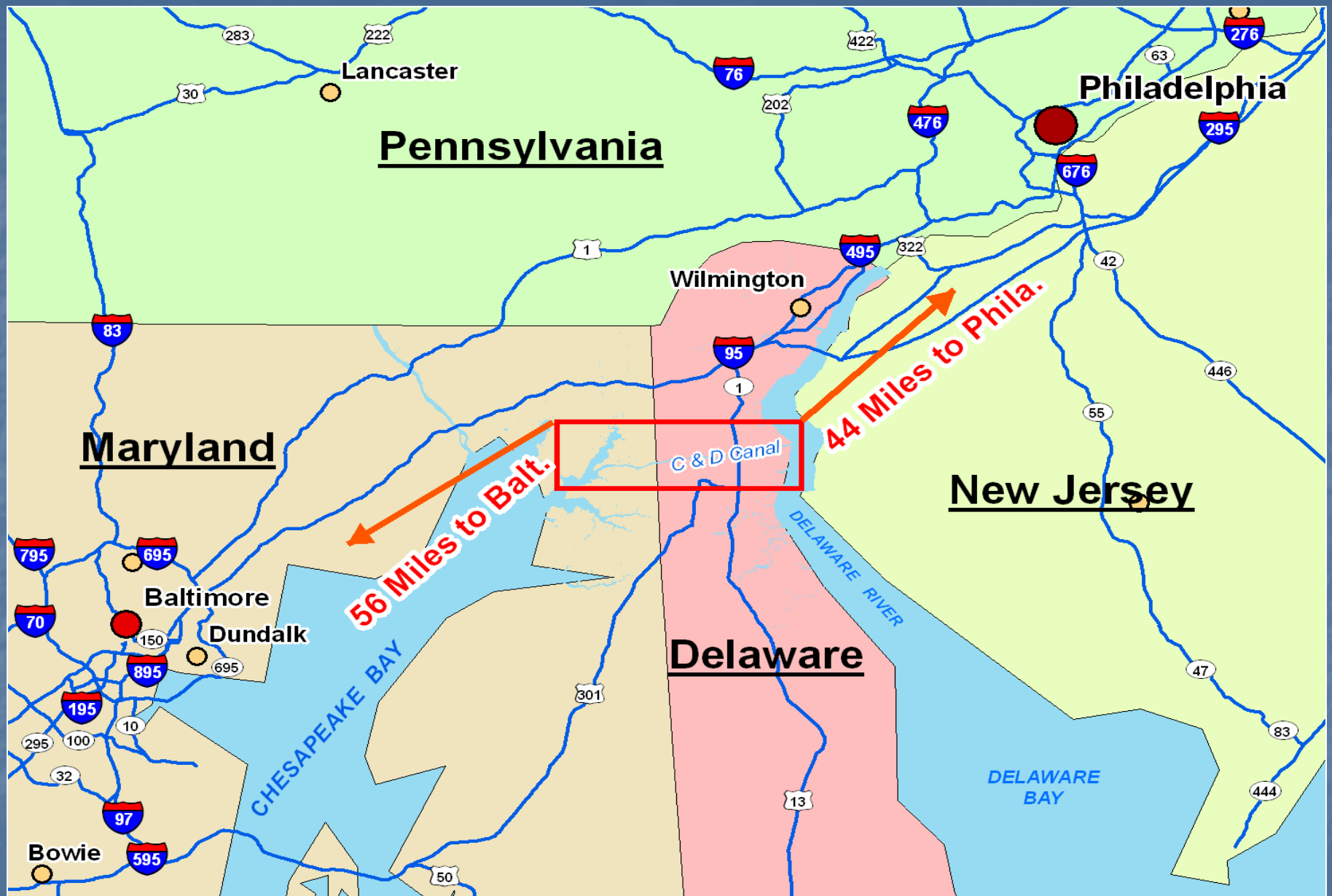
“Connecting Two States”



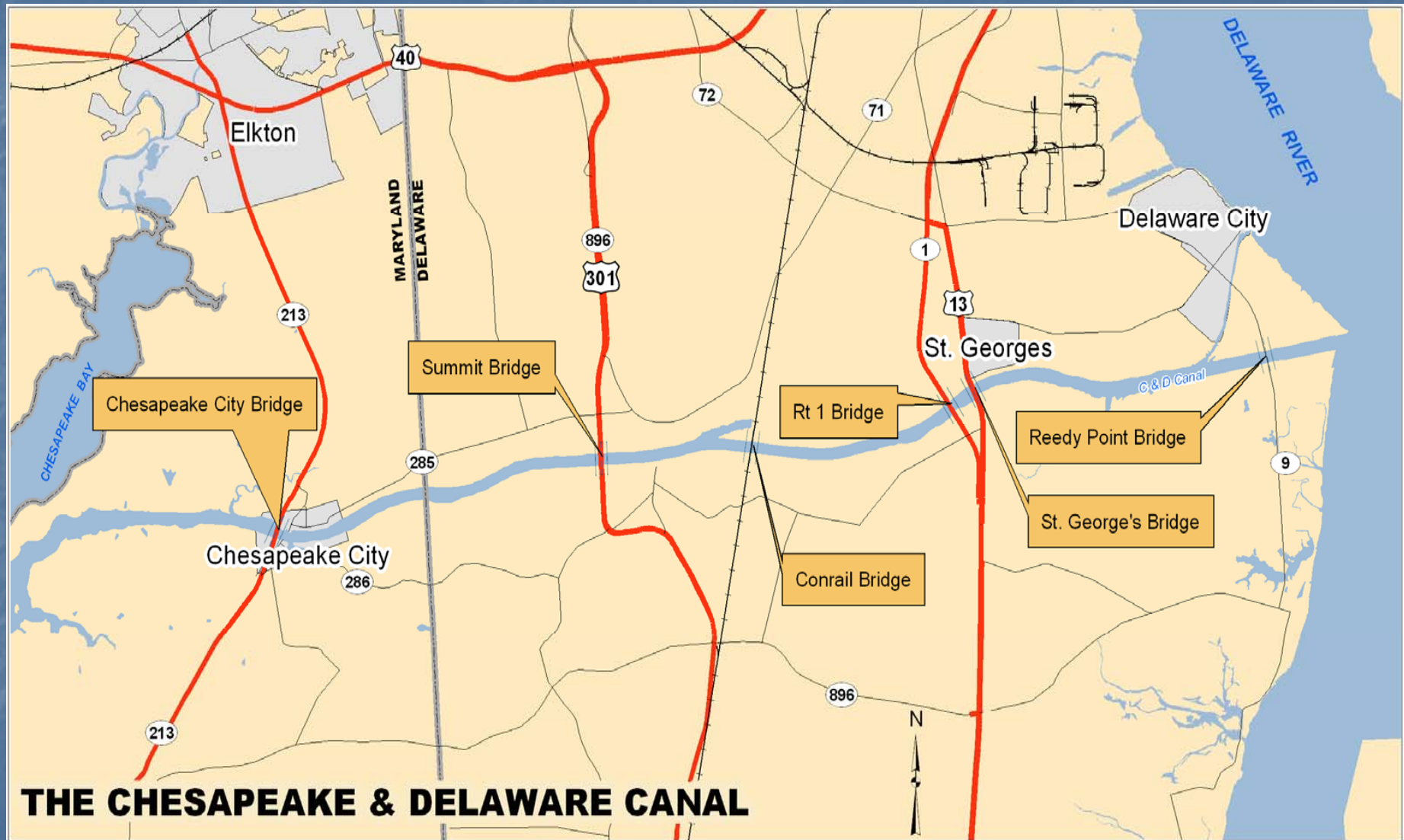
December 5th and 6th, 2005

Project Partners

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Congressman Michael N. Castle
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- New Castle County, Delaware
- Delaware Greenways
- Delaware City, Delaware
- St. Georges, Delaware
- Congressman Wayne Gilchrest
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Greenways and Water Trails
- Cecil County, Maryland
- Chesapeake City, Maryland



Regional Area Map



C&D Canal

- **Current Uses:**
 - Carries 40% of all ship traffic in and out of the Port of Baltimore.
 - Fishing, hiking, hunting, birding, horseback riding.
 - Retriever dog training.
- **Long Standing Attractions:**
 - Historic towns, fish and wildlife, and bridges.
 - Proximity to Delaware and Maryland State Parks.
 - Wetlands and surrounding landscape.



C&D Canal Study Goals

- **Primary Goal**

- **Connect Delaware and Maryland:**

- **Multi-use path.**
 - **Parking lot and restroom facilities.**
 - **Interactive educational opportunities.**
 - **Improved access points.**

- **Future Goal**

- **Develop Recreation Master Plan for the entire C&D Canal Area.**

C&D Canal Recreation Study Milestones - 2005

- January Initiated the study.
- April Held public meetings.
- April-May Conducted 30-day public survey.
- May Analyzed results.
- May – October Focused on development of multi-use path and amenities.
- December Conducted 2nd round of public meetings.

Recreation Study

Tentative Timeline

2006-2007

- January Complete draft report for the multi-use path.
- April – Oct. Complete detailed plans and specifications, including environmental permitting, for the multi-use path and amenities.*
- May Continue Master Plan Study.*
- 2007 Begin construction of multi-use path.*

*Contingent on funding availability



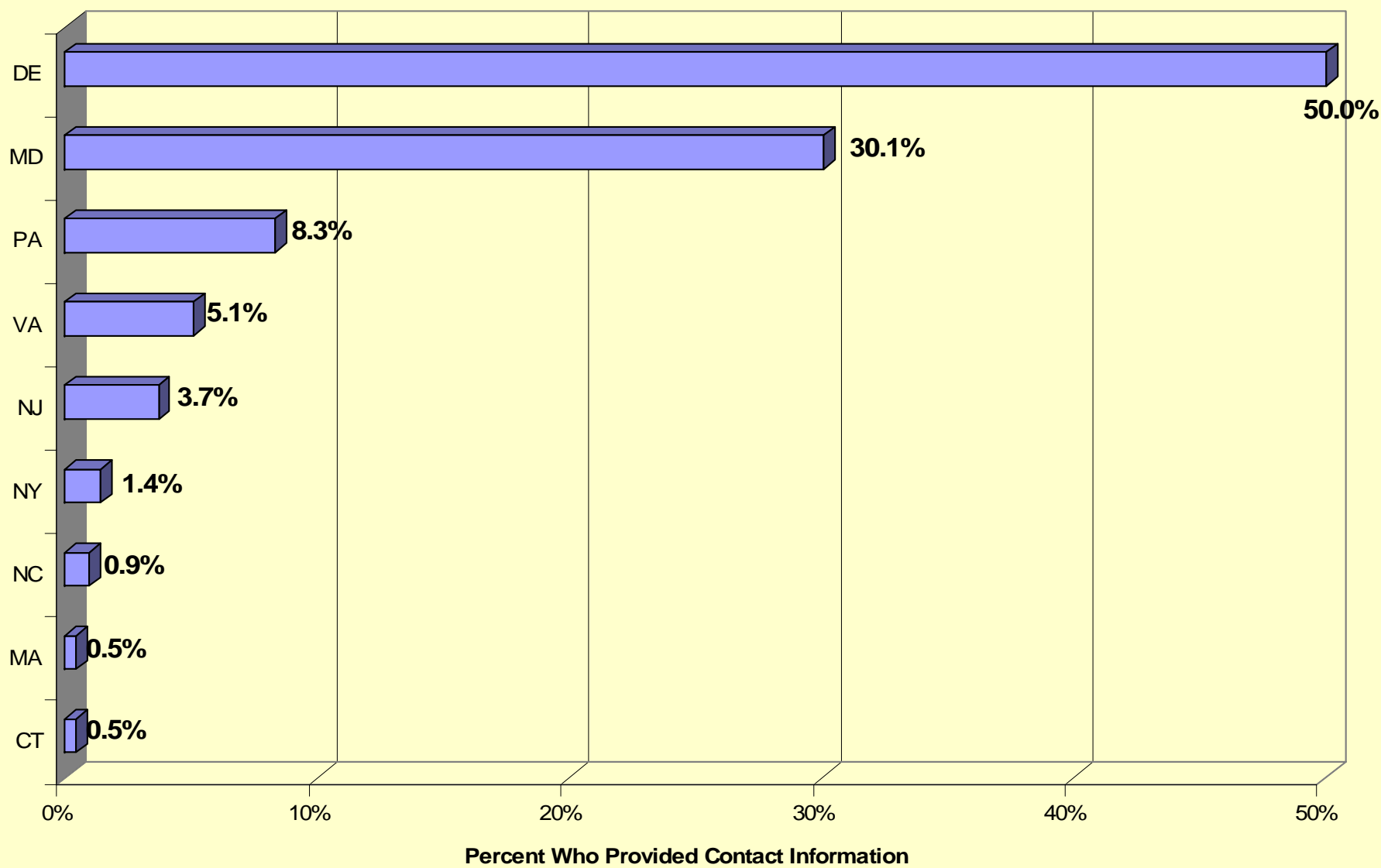
Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Recreation Study 2005 Public Involvement

Public Questionnaire

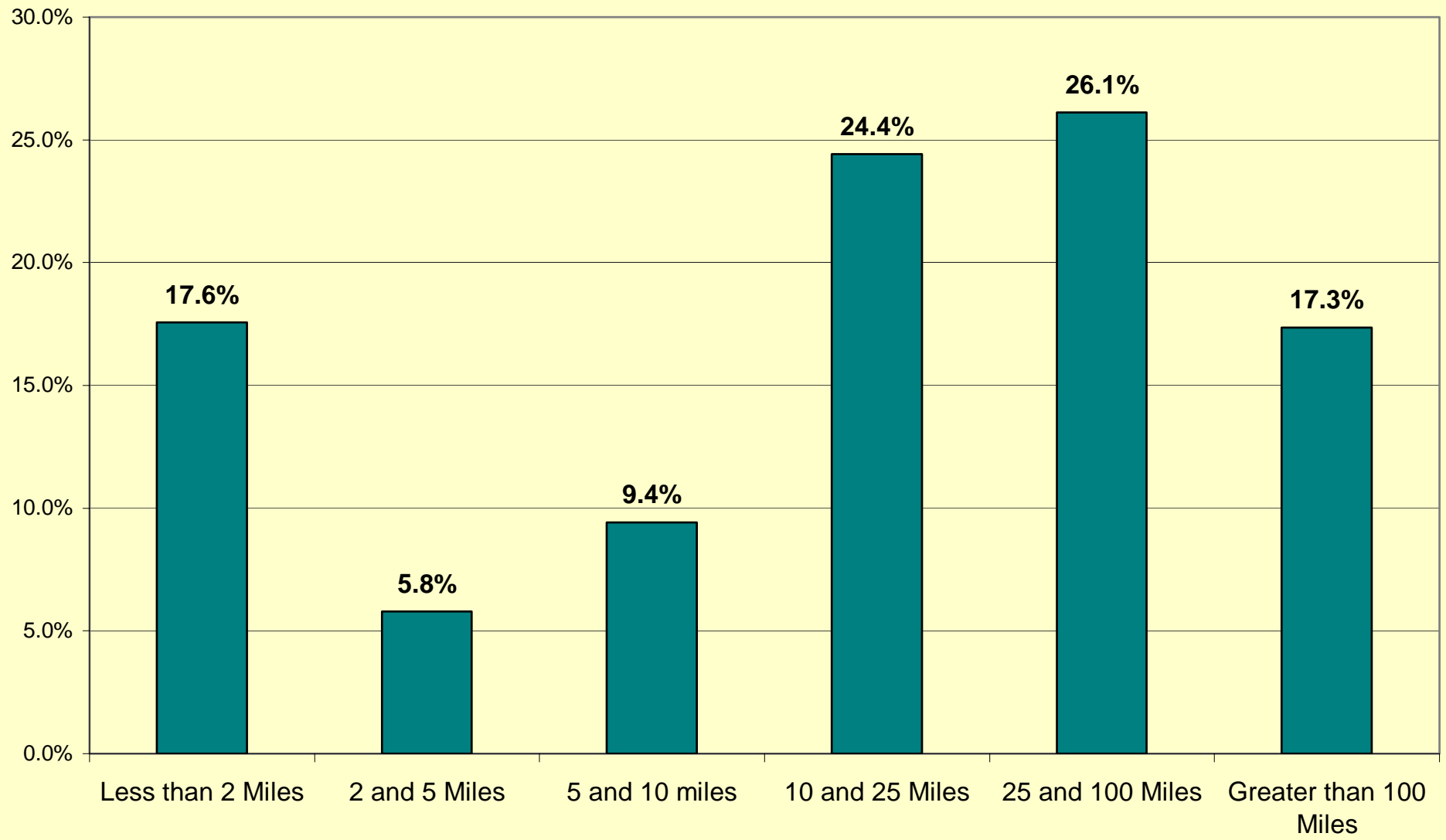
General Data:

- 474 respondents
 - 343 web-entries
 - 131 mail-in entries
- 80% of the respondents are C&D Canal users
- *C&D Canal users*
 - 97% *use land*
 - 64% *use water*

Survey Respondents By State



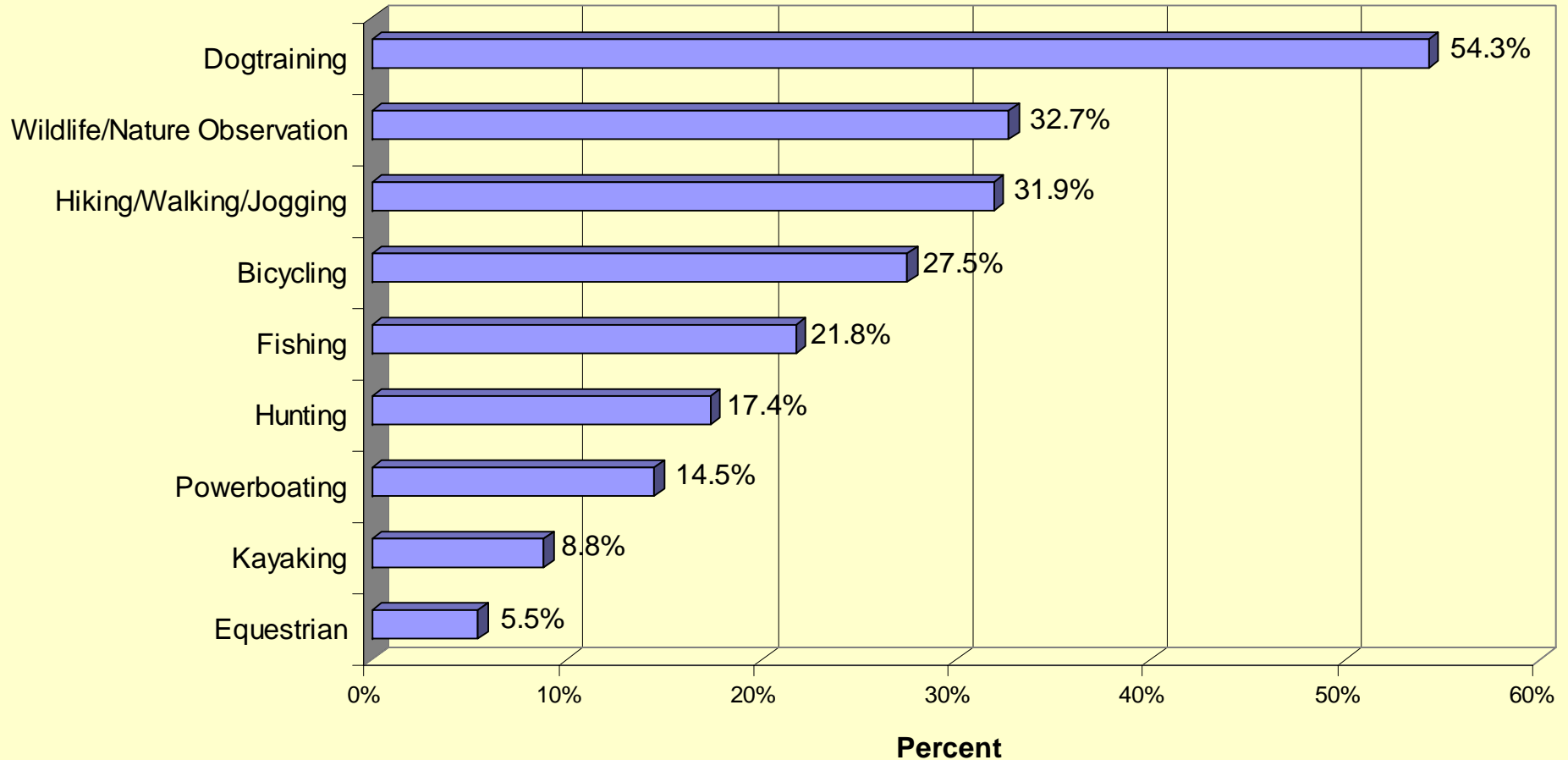
Distance to the C&D Canal from Home



Survey Information Collected

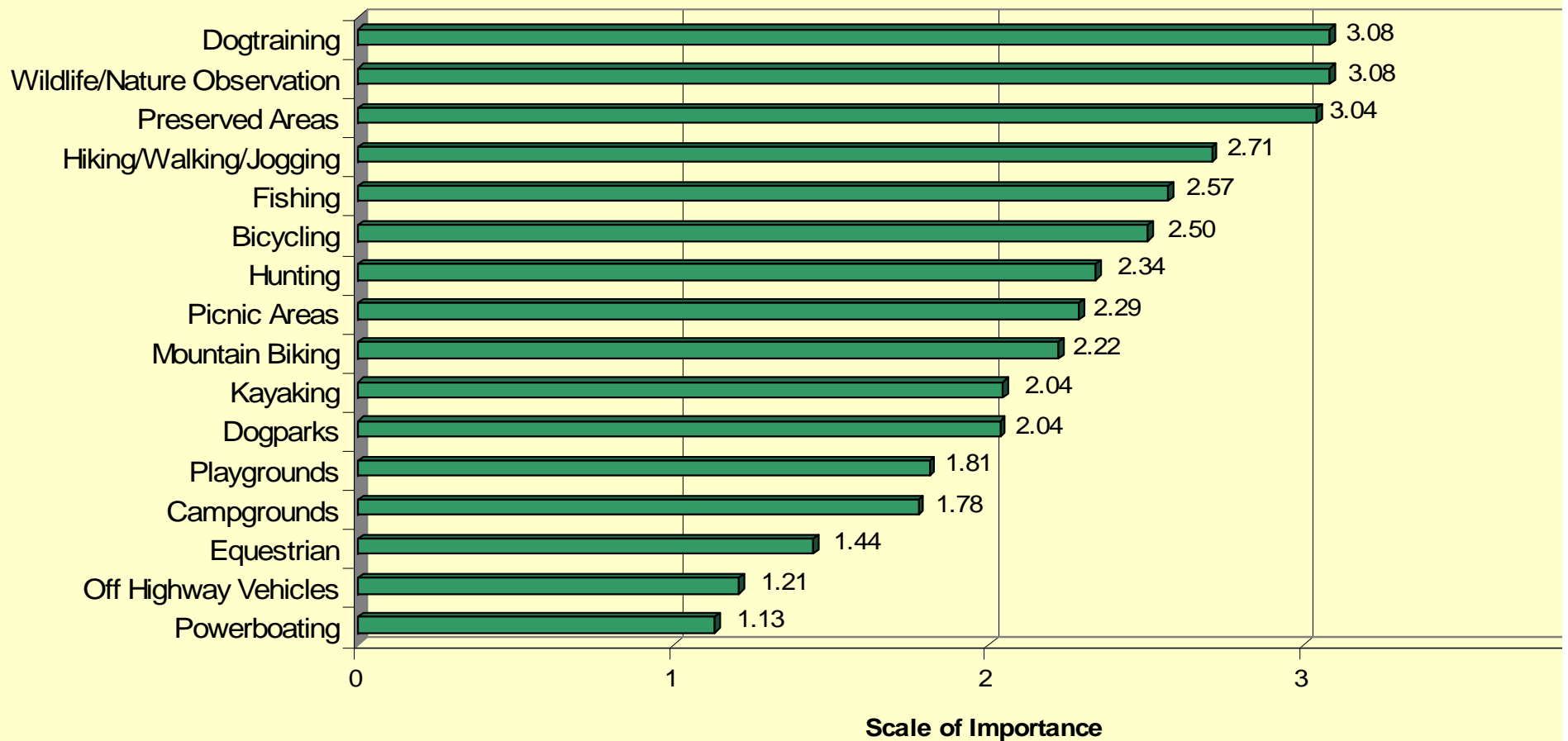
- Activities and frequencies of current C&D Canal users
- Rating the importance of both existing and possible recreation activities on a 1 to 5 scale
- Enhancements that would encourage the public to use the C&D Canal more often

How Do You Currently Use The C&D Canal For Recreation? (384 Respondents)



Rate the Importance of Each Activity on a Scale of 1 to 5

1= Not Important, 3= Somewhat Important, 5= Very Important



Enhancements Needed (Overall)

